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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment is submitted in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) filed herewith in the above-identified patent application. This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Official Action mailed October 2, 2008 in this application. A response to the October 2, 2008 Final Office Action is due January 2, 2009. Accordingly, the RCE and this Amendment are being timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.